

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The particle size specification of Mutiate of Potash (MOP) for import from the Commonwealth of Independent States countries (CIS) has been relaxed from the existing 95 per cent to 65 per cent between (-) 1.7 mm and 0.25 mm IS sieve, on 31.10.1996 for a period of one year.

It is not correct to say that the relaxation in particle size of MOP has been made against the technical opinion of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. In fact, no technical opinion has been expressed by ICAR about the particle size of MOP.

(c) to (e). Question does not arise.

Extremist Organisations

3587. SHRI UDDHAB BHARMAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the extremist Organisations of the N.E. Region sponsoring sovereignty have expressed willingness to have talk with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). it will not be in public interest to disclose any details at this stage.

[Translation]

Pollution in Gaya

3588. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some

representations from some Members of Parliament and some other Institutions that people of Gaya in Bihar are suffering from all round pollution;

(b) whether water of ancient ponds has been filled with filth by the Municipal Corporation resulting in permanent pollution there;

(c) whether the officials of the Central Pollution Control Boards alongwith the officials of the Bihar State Pollution Control Board had inspected the said ponds years ago and submitted a report to the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the present actual position and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Bihar State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board examined water quality of Dighi Talab and Surajkund in Gaya. The water quality in respect of Dissolved Oxygen concentration is within the limit as per the primary water quality criteria for outdoor bathing.

(d) The Department of Urban Development, Government of Bihar has initiated a study under the Urban Lake Conservation Programme.

Cases of Police Firing in Delhi

3589. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of lives lost due to police firing during 1994, 1995 and 1996 till date and the manner in which they compare with the preceding three years;

(b) whether the cases of police firing were got inquired into by the Government;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

| Year | Number of incidents of police firing | Number of lives lost in police firing | Number of cases in which Enquiry/Magisterial Enquiry was conducted | Findings of Enquiry | Action taken on the findings |
|------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1991 | 1 | 1 | - | - | A case under section 302 IPC has been registered at Police Station Alipur. The case is pending trial in the court. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1992 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Firing was found to be justified | - |
| 1993 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1994 | 1 | 2 | 1 | The Inquiry Officer has adversely commented upon the role of one MLA. | A case under section 147/148/149/353/186/427/436/307 and Sec. 3 of Prevention of Damage to Property Act was registered. The case is pending trial in the court. |
| 1995 | 1 | 4 | 1 | The firing was found to be justified. | |
| 1996 (upto 12.12.96) | 1 | 2 | 1 | The enquiry has not been completed. | |

Note: Besides the above, during the years 1991 to 1996 (upto 12.12.1996), 13 criminals and 5 terrorists were killed in different encounters with Delhi Police.

Under Weight Supply of Foodgrains

3590. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by the Government during the current year so far regarding the foodgrains supplied from the Food Corporation of India's godowns for the fair price shops being under-weight;

(b) the action being taken on these complaints; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure the supplies from Food Corporation of India godowns are in proper weight?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :

(a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Surplus Sugar Stock

3591. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem under the heading "Sugar stockpile likely to cause 1200 crore loss", appearing in the News Time (Hyderabad), dated October 2, 1996;

(b) whether 8 million tonnes of surplus stock this year made a loss of Rs. 1200 crore to the Government;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the sugar producing States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are considering to change the area of their production; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to help the sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e). To enable the sugar mills to improve their financial position a buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar created for one year from 10.1.1996, has been extended by another year and an additional buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar has been created for one year. Export of sugar is being encouraged. No reports have been received from State Governments about the change in area of production from sugarcane to other crops.

Problems of Indian Citizens in Indian Enclaves

3592. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1568 dated July 23, 1996 and state :

(a) the date from which the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission are under the consideration of the Government;

(b) whether the problems of the Indian citizens in the Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh had been under consideration of the Government for the last 45 years; and